Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that “The 8th Asian Conference on Lactic Acid Bacteria”, the biannual event facilitated by the Asian Federation of Societies for Lactic Acid Bacteria (AFSLAB) and organised by the Department of Biotechnology, Kasetsart University, will be held on 8-10 July 2015. This international conference and meeting is entitled “Health Sustainability, Friendly Environment and Application” and will deal with the many important aspects of lactic acid bacteria.

The scope of the conference includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Gut microbiota and host interaction
- Application of lactic acid bacteria and related product
- Molecular genetics and innovation in lactic acid bacteria
- Symposium on “Prebiotics and Probiotics, Health Benefits and Applications”

Keynote speakers include:
- Dr. Yuan-Kun Lee (University of Singapore, Singapore)
- Prof. Ying-Chieh Tsai (National Yang Ming University, Taiwan)
- Prof. Dietmar Haltrich (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)
- Dr. Erwin G. Zoetendal (Wageningen University, The Netherlands)

A pre-conference lecture session on “Microbiota as a future medical tool for better health” and a special session by the International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics (ISAPP) on “The future of prebiotics and probiotics” are also the highlight activities of this conference.

A limited amount of financial support is available to students. Selection criteria are based on the scientific quality of full papers associated with the oral or poster presentations.

Online submission of abstracts can be made now. The deadline for submission has been extended to 28th February 2015. To submit your abstract and for further information please see http://www.aclab8.kasetsart.org/.

You will be warmly welcomed in July 2015, and we look forward to hearing about your latest progress in research and development. The meeting will give all of us the opportunity to exchange useful information and to share our experiences in the field of lactic acid bacteria.

Sincerely yours,

The Conference Secretariat
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